

Peter Pence's Collection

Be a Witness of Charity

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Pope Francis has set for us an example of what it means to be a witness of charity and serve our brothers and sisters around the globe. Through the Peter's Pence Collection, you can join with others from around the world to support our Holy Father as he comforts those living on the peripheries.



Fourth of July

A Reminder About Religious Freedom

A basic duty every human person owes to God is regular worship. Because of this, and because of the basic longing each person has for God, a fundamental human right is the right to worship freely. No one should be prohibited from a free exercise of their faith, either in public or in private, and no one should ever be forced to worship in a manner that violates their beliefs and convictions. Because freedom of religion and worship is such an important and fundamental right, governments need to enact and enforce laws that respect and protect this right (cf. CCC, nos. 2105-2109).

Saint of the Week

Anthony Mary Zaccaria 1502 – 1539 Feast Day—July 5

Trained as a medical doctor in northern Italy, Anthony also was drawn to teaching religion to the poor. He decided to switch vocations and was ordained a priest in 1528. In 1530 he and two Milanese noblemen founded an order of reforming priests, the Clerics Regular of St. Paul, more commonly known as Barnabites, after their first headquarters at the Church of St. Barnabas in Milan. Despite church opposition, the order won praise for its care of plague victims, and was formally approved by the pope in 1533. Anthony was elected the first provost general but resigned to open a second house in Vicenza. He fell gravely ill while giving a parish mission and died at his mother's home. He was canonized in 1897.

